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LB 44, 126, 126A, 169, 235, 476

at one nursing home said they observed abuse of residents, either physically or verbally. Three different staff members at another home stated that at times many residents had unexplained bruises and skin tears. Six staff members witnessed a resident falling and the charge nurse stating, he can get up himself, leave him alone. The resident continued groping for his balance until someone finally helped him to stand. No report was entered in his chart concerning this fall so that his doctor would know it. I don't know why they neglected it. The one that I consider the worst, seven residents had body waste and food on their hands and under their fingernails, and they were put to bed this way. I urge the passage of this bill, Senators, for the sake of those who are being abused in those nursing homes that will not observe the rules and regulations that the state has adopted and the Health Department has adopted. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? I assume your motion is moving to advance the bill. Is there further discussion? All those in favor of advancing the bill from General File please vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Motion is to advance LB 235. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a request for a record vote. (Read the record vote as found on page 808 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have any reports on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman has a series of amendments to LB 169. Senator Newell would like to print amendments to LB 169. (See pages 810-812 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Warner to print amendments to 126A. (See page 813 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a notice from the Speaker regarding designation of priority bills by three members.

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 44 and find the same correctly engrossed, and 126 correctly engrossed. (See page 809 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a corrected committee report to LB 476.

PRESIDENT: That will be so recorded. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 30. The Chair recognizes